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SPECIAL SERVICES REFORM, 1996

Docket No. MC96-3

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
WITNESS LION TO PRESIDING OFFICER'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 1
(QUESTION 9)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides the response of witness Lion to question 9 of Presiding Officer's Information Request No. 1, filed on July 12, 1996. This response was due yesterday, and a motion for extension of time to provide this answer was filed yesterday also.

The question is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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9. USPS-T-4, Table 16, shows 7,790,631 as the number of Group II post office boxes in use. Are any of these boxes located in offices which do not provide city or rural service but do provide general delivery? If yes, how many?

RESPONSE:

Yes. Based on the responses to the post office box inventory described in Part II of my testimony, and the Delivery Statistics File, I estimate that 1,839,816 of the Group II post office boxes in use are located in offices which do not provide city or rural delivery service, but do provide general delivery. To be comparable with the number from Table 16, this number includes the "factoring up" described on pages 36-37 of my testimony.

DECLARATION

I, Paul M. Lion, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing answers are true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Lave M Lion

Dated: July 23, 1996.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.

David H. Rubin

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